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ABSTRACT

2 A system and method for patent application drafting, issued patent assessment,
3 and technology assessment includes a computer having input devices for at least one user
4 to enter information relating to components of an invention in a hierarchical and
5 relational categorization using software that automatically generates a relational,
6 diagrammatic representation of the patent or technology being assessed that is output in a
7 format that is viewable and modifiable by the user(s). The user(s) may enter additional,
8 more detailed information that provides a basis for textual representation of the patent or
9 technology that is being drafted or assessed; this additional information is associated with
10 and/or connected to the diagrammatic representation, e.g., via an automatic link or a
11 hyperlink, that permits the user(s) to switch between views of the diagram and the text-
12 based detailed description of components of the patent.